

Howes, Alfred

1934-1937

[ANS Employee

Madison Square Hotel

37 Madison Ave]

Dear Mr. Wood -

I hope that at last it is my turn to laugh - I mean I hope that this time I have really made a discovery -

A confederate stamp - fine condition - pale green ink - cut from a solid block without perforations.

It is absolutely authentic and belong to Mr. Woodson T. White - Lincolny "5" - Havana Cuba. Mr. White is 85 years old and a veteran of the Confederate Army - this is the first confederate stamp he remembers seeing. Could you let ~~him~~ me know what you think of it? Also I think that Mr. White might sell it if you knew of someone who would make a good offer for it - and please don't tell me there are hundreds of these about or I'll now raise my voice again (not much anyway) Would you tell Janet Quinn that I haven't heard had a reply to my card yet. Or maybe she doesn't answer cards. Al Howard

March 3, 1934.

My dear Howes:

Your letter came to hand the other day and I was glad to hear from you. The larin article is out and I am holding a copy for your return to the States. Janet has it in her possession.

As regards the two covers; the cover with the stamp retails for about \$1.00 and a dealer would consequently give about twenty-five cents for it. The other one without the stamp but postmarked MADISON C.H. PAID 10 may or may not be of interest. I am hoping that it is. If the Whites are willing to send it up, I will see what I can do with it. If the original letter is inside it would be better because this would then show the year in which it was mailed. If it was mailed in May 1861 it might be more valuable than if it was mailed in any other year.

The Confederate bill has a value of only about ten cents.

Trusting to see you before long,

Sincerely yours,

HW:JG



April 2, 1935.

To Whom It May Concern:

I have known  
Alfred Howes for several years and  
he worked for me as an artist for a  
number of months, about two years  
ago.

I have found  
him honest, energetic and reliable.  
The type of work he did for me, which  
was copying intricate designs often  
hardly ~~hardly~~ visible, was done in a  
satisfactory and able manner.

Very truly yours,

HW:JG

Curator

Madison Square Hotel, 37 Madison Ave., N.Y.C.

Dear Mr. Wood —

Am enclosing a small clipping that I'm sure will be of interest — of course you may know all about it by now but I'm sending it just in case you missed it —

Rex Vivien is still in Afghanistan but apparently seldom sees or handles any unusual or very different coins out there — I've been planning to come up and say "Hello" to you but the advertising business is "SOMETHING" if you know what I mean (and I'm sure you do) I see Samt once in a great while — we work only about 15 blocks apart but we don't seem to be free at the same time. Was too bad about Mr. Robertson — he was a character wasn't he? I am now an officer in the military intelligence — your old branch of the service — we have meetings on the third Wednesday of every month and dinner before — we tend forth at the Princeton Club at 7 o'clock — it's only a few blocks from Grand Central and the subway — I think it would be great fun if you'd come some time and have dinner and meet a small crowd of us — How about it? c'mon — you can steal an evening off — eh? If you can make it on the 17th of November how about letting us buy you a dinner eh?

Hope you can get away — if not I'll be up your way on a visit one day —

Always

Al Hower



Oct. 22, 1937

Dear Howes:

Your broadside just at hand. Many thanks for the clipping. I happened to see one in another paper. The account is not accurate in any one detail.

If ever you write Rex Vivien tell him it is not necessarily old and out-of-the-way coins we are looking for from Afghanistan, but the new issues. They are sometimes the hardest to get.

Oftentimes my Friday evenings are filled up. I would like to dine with you sometime however. As for the 17th of November, I really cannot tell yet. I will try to remember it. However, drop me a line a few days before and I can then let you know.

Very truly yours,

Curator

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